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The breaking down an old frame of government, and erecting a new, seems like the cutting down an old oak and planting a young one: it is true, the grandfon may enjoy the shade and the *maft*, but the planter, besides the pleasure of imagination, has no other benefit.

As a savage boar,  
With forest *maft* and fatning marfhes fed,  
When once he fees himfelf in toils inclos'd,  
Whets his tufts.  
Wond'ring dolphins o'er the palace glide;  
On leaves and *maft* of mighty oaks they brouze,  
And their broad fins entangle in the boughs.  
*MA'STED*. *adj.* [from *maft*.] Furnifhed with *mafts*.  
*MASTER*. *n. f.* [*mafter*, Dutch; *maître*, French; *magifter*, Latin.]

1. One who has fervants; oppofed to man or fervant.  
But now I was the lord  
Of this fair manfion, *mafter* of my fervants,  
Queen o'er myfelf; and even now, but now,  
This houfe, thefe fervants, and this fame myfelf  
Are yours my lord.  
Take up thy *mafter*.  
My lord Baffanio gave his ring away  
Unto the judge that begg'd it;  
The boy, his clerk, begg'd mine;  
And neither man nor *mafter* would take aught  
But the two rings.

2. A director; a governor.  
If thou be made the *mafter* of a feaft, be among them as one of the reft.  
My friend, my genius, come along,  
Thou *mafter* of the poet, and the fong.

3. Owner; proprietor.  
An orator, who had undertaken to make a panegyrick on Alexander the Great, and who had employed the ftrongeft figures of his rhetoric in the praife of Bucephalus, would do quite the contrary to that which was expected from him; becaufe it would be believed, that he rather took the horfe for his fubject than the *mafter*.  
A lord; a ruler.

4. A lord; a ruler.  
Wisdom and virtue are the proper qualifications in the *mafter* of a houfe.  
There Cæfar, grac'd with both Minerva's, fhone,  
Cæfar, the world's great *mafter*, and his own.  
The pride of royal blood, that checks my foul;  
You know, alas! I was not born to kneel,  
To fue for pity, and to own a *mafter*.

5. Chief; head.  
Chief *mafter*-gunner am I of this town,  
Something I muft do to procure me grace.  
As a wife *mafter*-builder I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.  
The beft fets are the heads got from the very tops of the root; the next are the runners, which spread from the *mafter* roots.

6. Poffeffor.  
When I have thus made myfelf *mafter* of a hundred thousand drachms, I fhall naturally fet myfelf on the foot of a prince, and will demand the grand vizier's daughter in marriage.  
The duke of Savoy may make himfelf *mafter* of the French dominions on the other fide of the Rhone.  
Commander of a trading fhip.

7. Commander of a trading fhip.  
An unhappy *mafter* is he that is made cunning by many fhipwrecks; a miferable merchant, that is neither rich nor wife, but after fome bankrupts.  
A failor's wife had chefnuts in her lap;  
Her husband's to Aleppo gone, *mafter* o' th' Tyger.

8. One uncontrouled.  
Let ev'ry man be *mafter* of his time  
Till feven at night.  
Great, and increafing; but by fea  
He is an abfolute *mafter*.  
A compellation of refpect.

9. A compellation of refpect.  
*Mafter* doctor, you have brought thofe drugs.  
Stand by, my *mafter*, bring him near the king.  
*Mafers* play here, I will content your pains,  
Something that's brief; and bid, good morrow, general.

10. A young gentleman.  
If gaming does an aged fire entice,  
Then my young *mafter* fwiftly learns the vice.  
*Mafter* lay with his bedchamber towards the fouth fun; mifs lodged in a garret, expofed to the north wind.  
Where there are little *mafers* and mifles in a houfe, they are great impediments to the diversions of the fervants; the only remedy is to bribe them, that they may not tell tales.

11. One who teaches; a teacher.  
Very few men are wife by their own council, or learned

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by their own teaching; for he that was only taught by himfelf had a fool to his *mafter*.  
To the Jews join the Egyptians, the firft *mafers* of learning.  
*Mafers* and teachers fhould not raife difficulties to their fcholars; but fmooth their way, and help them forwards.

12. A man eminently fkillful in practice or fcience.  
The great mocking *mafter* mock'd not then,  
When he faid, Truth was buried here below.  
Spenser and Fairfax, great *mafers* of our language, faw much farther into the beauties of our numbers than thofe who followed.

A man muft not only be able to judge of words and fyle, but he muft be a *mafter* of them too; he muft perfectly underftand his author's tongue, and abfolutely command his own.  
He that does not pretend to painting, is not touch'd at the commendation of a *mafter* in that profefion.  
No care is taken to improve young men in their own language, that they may thoroughly underftand, and be *mafers* of it.

13. A title of dignity in the univerfities; as, *mafter* of arts.  
To *MA'STER*. *v. a.* [from the noun.]  
1. To be a *mafter* to; to rule; to govern.  
Ay, good faith,  
And rather father thee, than *mafter* thee.

2. To conquer; to overpower; to fubdue.  
Thrice bleffed they that *mafter* to their blood,  
To undergo fuch maiden pilgrimage.  
The princes of Germany did not think him fent to command the empire, who was neither able to rule his inolent fubjects in England, nor *mafter* his rebellious people of Ireland.

Then comes fome third party, that *mafers* both plaintiff and defendant, and carries away the booty.  
Honour burns in me, not fo fiercely bright,  
But pale as fires when *mafter'd* by the light.  
Obftinacy and wilful neglects muft be *maftered*, even though it coft blows.

A man can no more juftly make ufe of another's neceffity, than he that has more ftrengh can feize upon a weaker, *mafter* him to his obedience, and, with a dagger at his throat, offer him death or fclavery.  
The reformation of an habitual finner is a work of time and patience; evil cuftoms muft be *maftered* and fubdued by degrees.

3. To execute with fkill.  
I do not take myfelf to be fo perfect in the tranfactions and privileges of Bohemia, as to be fit to handle that part: and I will not offer at that I cannot *mafter*.  
*MA'STERDOM*. *n. f.* [from *mafter*.] Dominion; rule. Not in ufe.

You fhall put  
This night's great bufinefs into my difpatch,  
Which fhall to all our nights and days to come  
Give folcly fovereign fway and *mafterdom*.  
*MASTER-HAND*. *n. f.* The hand of a man eminently fkillful.  
Muftic resembles poetry, in each  
Are namelefs graces which no methods teach,  
And which a *mafter-hand* alone can reach.

*MASTER-TEST*. *n. f.* Principal jeft.  
Who fhall break the *mafter-jeft*,  
And what, and how, upon the reft.  
*MASTER-KEY*. *n. f.* The key which opens many locks, of which the fubordinate keys open each only one.  
This *mafter-key*  
Frees every lock, and leads us to his perfon.

*MASTER-LEAVER*. *n. f.* One that leaves or deferts his *mafter*.  
Oh Antony,  
Nobler than my revolt is infamous,  
Forgive me in thine own particular;  
But let the world rank me in regifter  
A *mafter-leaver*, and a fugitive.

*MASTER-SINEW*. *n. f.*  
The *mafter-finew* is a large finew that furrounds the hough, and divides it from the bone by a hollow place, where the wind-galls are ufually feated, which is the largeft and moft vifible finew in a horfe's body; this oftentimes is relaxed or reftained.  
*MASTER-STRING*. *n. f.* Principal ftring.  
He touch'd me  
Ev'n on the tend' reft point; the *mafter-ftring*  
That makes moft harmony or difcord to me.  
I own the glorious fubject fires my breaft.

*MASTER-STROKE*. *n. f.* Capital performance.  
Ye fkillful *mafers* of Machaon's race,  
Who nature's mazy intricacies trace;  
Tell how your fearch has here eluded been,  
How oft amaz'd, and ravish'd you have feen,  
The conduct, prudence, and ftupendous art,  
And *mafter-ftrokes* in each mechanic part.

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*MA'STERLESS*. *adj.* [from *mafter*.]  
1. Wanting a *mafter* or owner.  
When all was paff took up his forlorn weed,  
His filver fhield now idle *mafterlefs*.  
The foul opinion  
You had of her pure honour, gains, or lofes,  
Your fword or mine, or *mafterlefs* leaves both  
To who fhall find them.

2. Ungoverned; unfubdued.  
*MA'STERLINESS*. *n. f.* [from *mafterly*.] Eminent fkill.  
*MA'STERLY*. *adv.* With the fkill of a *mafter*.  
Thou doft fpeak *mafterly*  
Young though thou art.  
I read a book; I think it very *mafterly* written.

*MA'STERLY*. *adj.* [from *mafter*.]  
1. As for the warmth of fanfy, the *mafterly* figures, and the copioufnefs of imagination, he has exceeded all others.  
That clearer ftrokes of *mafterly* defign,  
Of wife contrivance, and of judgment fhine,  
In all the parts of nature we afiert,  
Than in the brighteft works of human art.

A man either difcovers new beauties, or receives ftronger impreffions from the *mafterly* ftrokes of a great author every time he perufes him.  
2. Imperious; with the fway of a *mafter*.  
*MA'STERPIECE*. *n. f.* [*mafter* and *piece*.]  
1. Capital performance; any thing done or made with extraordinary fkill.  
This is the *mafterpiece*, and moft excellent part, of the work of reformation, and is worthy of his *mafter's* pains.

'Tis done; and 'twas my *mafterpiece*, to work  
My fafety, 'twixt two dangerous extremes:  
Scylla and Charybdis.  
Let thofe confider this who look upon it as a piece of art, and the *mafterpiece* of conversation, to deceive, and make a prey of a credulous and well-meaning honefty.  
This wondrous *mafterpiece* I fain would fee;  
This fatal Helen, who can was inspire.  
The fifteenth is the *mafterpiece* of the whole metamorphofes.

In the firft ages, when the great fouls, and *mafterpieces* of human nature, were produced, men fhined by a noble fim- plicity of behaviour.  
2. Chief excellence.  
Beating up of quarters was his *mafterpiece*.  
Diffimulation was his *mafterpiece*; in which he fo much excelled, that men were not alhamed with being deceived but twice by him.

*MA'STERSHIP*. *n. f.* [from *mafter*.]  
1. Dominion; rule; power.  
2. Superiority; pre-eminence.  
For Python flain he Pythian games decreed,  
Where noble youths for *mafterfhip* fhould ftrove,  
To quito, to run, and feed, and chariots drive.

3. Chief work.  
Two youths of royal blood, renown'd in fight,  
The *mafterfhip* of heav'n in face and mind.  
4. Skill; knowledge.  
You were ufed  
To fay extremity was the trier of fpirits;  
That when the fea was calm all boats alike  
Shew'd *mafterfhip* in floating.

5. A title of ironical refpect.  
How now, Signior Launce? what news with your *mafter*-fhip?  
*MA'STER-TEETH*. *n. f.* [*mafter* and *teeth*.] The principal teeth.  
Some living creatures have their *mafter-teeth* indented one within another like faws; as lions and dogs.  
*MA'STERWORD*. *n. f.* [*mafter*, and *word*, Saxon.]  
The *mafterword* is a plant with a rofe and umbellated flower, confifting of feveral petals, which are fometimes heart-shaped, and fometimes intire, ranged in a circle, and refting on the empalement; which afterward becomes a fruit, compofed of two feeds, which are plain, almoft oval, gently ftreaked and bordered, and generally cafting their cover; to thefe marks muft be added, that their leaves are winged, and pretty large: the root is ufed in medicine.

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*MA'STERY*. *n. f.* [*mafterie*, French, from *mafter*.]  
1. Dominion; rule.  
If divided by mountains, they will fight for the *maftery* of the paffages of the tops, and for the towns that ftand upon the roots.  
2. Superiority; pre-eminence.  
If a man ftrove for *mafteries*, yet is he not crowned except he ftrove lawfully.  
This is the cafe of thofe that will try *mafteries* with their fuperiors, and bite that which is too hard.

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1. A kind of gum gathered from trees of the fame name in Scio.  
We may apply intercipients upon the temples of *maftich*; frontals may alfo be applied.  
2. A kind of mortar or cement.  
As for the fmall particles of brick and ftone, the leaft moiftnefs would join them together, and turn them into a kind of *maftich*, which thofe infects could not divide.  
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A texture of fedge, flags, or rushes.  
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In the worft inn's worft room, with mat half hung,  
The floors of plafter, and the walls of dung.  
To *MAT*. *v. a.* [from the noun.]  
1. To cover with mats.  
Keep the doors and windows of your confervatories well *matted*, and guarded from the piercing air.  
2. To twift together; to join like a mat.  
I on a fountain light,  
Whole brim with pinks was platted;  
The banks with daffadillies dight,  
With grafs like fclave was *matted*.  
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